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CIA Official Sees Growing Rift Between Russian and Chinese Reds

It is not often that a high official of the Central Intelligence Agency makes a public appearance to give an appraisal of the world situation as determined by the reports made by our agents the world over. They do so only when the time has arrived when they consider it necessary to provide answers to some important questions the American public has been asking.

Gen. C. B. Cabell, deputy director of the CIA, yesterday made one of those rare public appearances when he addressed the World Affairs Council of Dallas. The question he decided to answer was whether or not there is a growing rift between Moscow and Peiping on how best to promote the interests of communism.

The answer he gave was that the differences of opinion between the Russian and Chinese communists are deeper than ever before, and that the free world has an important stake in their outcome.

One of the major disagreements, he said, stems from current negotiations between the Kremlin and the West on disarmament and the scheduled Summit Conference at Paris in May at which the question of Germany and West Berlin will be discussed.

The Chinese reds, according to General Cabell, see negotiation as a weakness and would prefer that the reds dictate to the rest of the world without negotiation, relying upon military power to enforce the dictates.

But, lest the conclusion be drawn that General Cabell sees such conflicts of opinion within the communist camp as holding possible gain for the free world, hear him out. He says that isn't so.

He said:

"Should the Chinese prevail in their views, the communist world might revert to the harshness which characterized the Stalin era.

"Should the Soviets impose their views, the united Sino-Soviet program would still present a great challenge to us and to the under-developed countries of the world.

"In any event, we face a serious threat from both communist camps."

The current Russian attitude, as reflected by Nikita Khrushchey, is not based on a genuine desire to effect a program that will insure peace for the future, but solely on the fact that the Russians are more realistic because they understand better than the Chinese the power of modern weapons. It is fear and respect for what the United States possesses in that department that accounts for the Russian position.

That in no way means that the Russians intend to abandon in any way the ultimate goal of world conquest. Nor will there be any disavowals of the Peiping regime by Moscow, or the reverse.

It is, and will remain, as General Cabell said: In any event, we can expect nothing from communism but trouble.